

Barclay Viewforth Link

February
2010



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... making known God's love
in Jesus Christ ...

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Mon 1 Staff meeting 10.00
Tues 2 Parents & Toddlers 10.00
Afternoon Fellowship 2.00
Film Club (*various times*)
Wed 3 Prayer Group 7.30
Thurs 4 **ALPHA Course wk 3**
Sat 6 Football 10.00
Sun 7 Morning Service 11.00
Evening Service 6.30
Mon 8 Staff meeting 10.00
Tues 9 Parents & Toddlers 10.00
Film Club (*various times*)
Wed 10 Prayer Group 7.30
Thurs 11 **ALPHA Course wk 4**
Sat 13 Football 10.00
Sun 14 Morning Service 11.00
Evening Service 6.30
Mon 15 Staff meeting 10.00
Tues 16 Parents & Toddlers 10.00
Film Club (*various times*)
Wed 17 Prayer Group 7.30
Magazine deadline
Thurs 18 **ALPHA Course wk 5**
Sat 20 Football 10.00
Sun 21 Morning Service 11.00
Evening Service 6.30
Mon 22 Staff meeting 10.00

Tues 23 Parents & Toddlers 10.00
National & International Team 7.30
Film Club (*various times*)
Wed 24 Praise & Prayer 7.30
Thurs 25 **ALPHA Course wk 6**
Fri 26 Magazine Assembly 2.00
Sat 27 Football 10.00
Sun 28 Morning Service 11.00
Evening Service 6.30

The Prayer Circle

Just to remind the congregation that one aspect of the Church's prayer life is the Prayer Circle. Anyone who would like prayer for themselves or others can fill in a prayer request card and post it in the prayer box, found at the back of the Church sanctuary. Those that would like to support the Church's prayer life & commit to praying can register their email address by completing the reverse side of the prayer request card.

Unfortunately there were some technical problems in December which hopefully have now been rectified. However if current members of the prayer circle have stopped receiving prayer requests, please re-register as described above.



Meanderings From the Manse

A belated Happy New Year to all of you and a sincere thank you for all your kindness to, and prayers for, my family and me over 2009 and into 2010. We have the immense privilege of being among a caring and gracious community of believers and value this as something we ought not to take for granted.

The last six months have seen our community expand, with the merging together of two congregations presenting the eldership with new pastoral challenges and new missionary possibilities. Responding to these led to an Elders' Conference on 23 January, when proposals for pastoral care and emerging church were discussed in full.

With regard to pastoral care, I have appreciated deeply the ministry of the Rev Shirley Fraser among us over the last six months. Shirley was Locum at Viewforth when the union occurred and has journeyed with the congregation into the Union. Shirley has been giving pastoral support across the united congregation while helping our Roll Keeper and me get to grips with the merging Roll. Sadly for us, Shirley's time with us will draw to a close at the end of February and I put on record my deep appreciation of all she has done behind the scenes from week to week. The hole left by Shirley will, within the limitations of competing demands, be filled by myself as I return to the central role of providing and enabling pastoral care within the united congregation.

Alongside this support for the existing church there is also an emerging church vision for the future with the aim of making known the love of God in Jesus Christ not only within the walls but also beyond the walls of the church. A highly skilled group has been set up to develop this and there is the prospect of a centrally funded Associate Minister to lead it among us.

All in all it is shaping up to be quite an interesting year already!

Sam

Elders' Conference

23 January 2010

Achieving Sustainable, Biblical, Pastoral Care

Following hard work behind the scenes by Helen Miller, our Roll keeper, and Rev Shirley Fraser, our Ministerial Assistant, the minister presented a Report on Pastoral Care, with the conference resolving to encourage care through:

Friendship

Acts 3:1a

"The Kirk Session will develop an authentic Ministry of Friendship which will begin by allocating every new member a "friend" who will pray for the new member once a week, look out for them on Sundays, and contact them when need arises."

Small Groups

Acts 2:41-47

"The Education & Worship Team will continue developing Small Groups and produce a Small Group Leaflet with information on all the Groups. This information will include photos of leaders, times, locations, group description, contact details and be linked to the website."

Worship Gatherings

Acts 3:1b

"The Church Life Team will re-affirm and develop the pastoral ethos of our gatherings, including the Welcome, the Flowers, the Prayer Ministry, the Preaching themes, the fellowship, and the faith community as a community of care."

"The minister will seek Study Leave to Christ Church, Deal, where work has been done in developing therapeutic communities within congregations."

Stephen Ministries (NEW)

Acts 6:1-7

"The Pastoral Assistants, Church Life Team, and the Education &

Worship Team will consider the place of Stephen Ministries as a way of developing pastoral support.”

Eldership

Acts 14:23, Acts 20:28

“Elders will have oversight of their reorganised Districts with the emphasis on encouraging friendship, small group involvement, attendance at worship (in existing church or emerging church), and the identification of needs that can be met by Pastoral Assistants or Stephen ministers. No longer should Elders feel compelled to visit every home four times a year, but should seek to facilitate care, recognise when it is absent, and respond appropriately.”

"The Districts will be subdivided into four Groups, The January Group, The March Group, The June Group, and The September Group, with the elders of each called together in rotation over the year for a review of the Districts."

Pastoral Care is now in the hands of all of us working together to care for one another in the love of Christ our Shepherd. I commend these initiatives to your prayerful support.

Sam Torrens

Farewell from Shirley

As you know, I was invited by the Kirk Session to become part-time Ministry Assistant to help with the union of members of Viewforth into the new congregation of Barclay Viewforth. The months have passed very quickly, and I shall be finishing in that capacity at the end of February. I am awaiting a hip replacement operation to be scheduled shortly after, so I will at last discover what "retirement" means!

Thank you again for your warm welcome and support. I wish you all God's richest blessings as you move into the next phase of the life of the congregation.

PERU TEAM 2010

As I write this we have a small band of 9 volunteers who have signed up to make the trip to Peru this summer as part of a Vine Trust work-party. Ideally we would like to have a few more folks join us on this fantastic adventure, especially as the number of teams travelling to Peru this summer is down on previous years. It therefore makes it even more important that we play our part in supporting the work of the Vine Trust and bringing smiles to the faces of the children that we meet this summer.



What's involved?

Our team will be travelling to Peru on Tuesday 6th July, returning on Wednesday 21st. Whilst there we will visit 2 sites –

Kusi – the boys' home high up in the Andes, where we have visited the last 2 summers and have formed friendships with the boys and the staff.

Kimo – a new site in the high jungle which was due to open its doors to boys in January.

There will be various construction jobs to be done at both sites to create more bed spaces or workshops for the boys or other buildings which can be used to generate income for the project so that each home at some point will be self-sustaining.

Who can join a team?

Whether a skilled construction worker or an enthusiastic volunteer, anyone 18 or over who can hammer a nail, lay bricks or labour is welcome to apply for a Vine Trust Work Team. The important thing is enthusiasm and determination for the job at hand.

N.B. You don't have to be a church member to be part of the team – so if you know of any friends/colleagues who might be interested please pass this information on.

Even if you feel that you might not have a lot to offer – think again. Many of the boys have been deprived of a loving family and subjected to unspeakable things in their short lives. They need to learn to trust adults again and know that we want the best for them. The boys become part of a large loving family when they

move into one of the homes and we can help them to experience God's love in action. The time that we spend with them is something that money cannot buy – just ask one of the folks who have been to Peru before!

Cost

The total cost for this year has not been finalised, due to fluctuating rates of exchange, but the figure we have been given to work with is £1,620 – part of this is a donation to the work of Scripture Union in Peru. People can choose to pay the whole amount themselves or opt to do some fundraising for part of it. As a team we will also be involved in raising funds for the Vine Trust over and above this (see below).

Any other questions?

If you've read through this far then you might be interested and want to know more. We have a number of folks around Barclay Viewforth who will happily 'bore' you with the subject. Some who take part in a trip say that it is a 'life-changing' experience. The stories of these boys really touch your heart. Although you might be shocked to hear some of what has happened your faith is strengthened when you see God at work in their lives.

If you have any questions or want to know more about the trip please speak to Elaine Hogan.

Even if you don't want to join the team we would ask you to support this work in your prayers.



Connecting People to Change Lives

Quiz Night for the Vine Trust

Friday 19 March 2010

7.30pm at the Golf Tavern.

Tickets £5, available from Fiona Yeats or Elaine Hogan

Organ Recital

May/June (date to be confirmed)

Once again Dennis Deas has agreed to lend us his amazing talent in support of the Vine Trust. Look out for more information soon.

THANK YOU

Over the Festive Season, the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary and the Pillar Hall were very much admired. Every year these trees are provide by Miss Nora Henderson, who has continued the tradition started by her parents who provided the trees for Bruntsfield Church in Leamington Terrace where Miss Henderson's father was an elder. Sadly, this year Miss Henderson was in hospital and did not see the trees but she herself was in the thoughts and prayers of many of the congregation who are looking forward to the time when she is well enough to worship with us again at Barclay Viewforth.

During the Christmas period, donations were made from Barclay Viewforth Church towards the work of Bethany, the Rock Trust, and Blythswood Care. Warm and sincere letters of thanks were received from these agencies, extracts from which appear below:

"Thank you very much for your letter of 29 December enclosing the kind donations of £151.56 and £531.23 from Barclay Viewforth Church towards the work of Bethany Christian Trust.

This support from Barclay Viewforth Church is very welcome indeed and the donation will be put to good use in the operation of the Care Shelter, providing food, overnight accommodation and advice for many homeless and vulnerable people sleeping rough on the streets of our capital city on some of the coldest and most miserable nights of the year.

Bethany is very grateful for everyone who shares in our vision that through Christian Love in Action, homelessness will be reduced and vulnerable people empowered to live independently within society.

Please pass on our best wishes to all members of Barclay Viewforth Church."

"Many thanks for your recent letter and very generous cheque of

£690, made on behalf of Barclay Viewforth Church from the Gift Day collection.

It really is a most welcome boost as we start the new year and I was delighted to return to work this week and receive it. Please do pass on our sincere thanks to congregation members for their generous (and ongoing) support.

This year is likely to be a big year for The Rock Trust as we open our doors to the new Nightstop service and develop our successful Networks project in East, Mid and West Lothian. We are all very excited about these pieces of work because we know that they will make a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged young people living in these areas.

We will no doubt bring you further news of these and others pieces of work over the course of the coming year.

In the meantime however, thanks once again for your kind support."

"Thank you very much indeed for the donation from Barclay Viewforth Church of 100 filled shoeboxes for Blythswood Care's 2009 Shoe Box appeal. We are very grateful for your support, enabling us to send gifts and a Christian message at Christmas time.

The shoeboxes are gratefully received by people who have very little. In India many people just cannot afford to buy basic toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. They are considered luxury items. Some of our boxes go to families who go through the rubbish dump looking for things they can use or can eat. For people who are so desperate, a shoebox brings a lot of joy.

Your support really is making a difference to vulnerable people in Europe and Asia. We do value your efforts, and please pass on our thanks to all who contributed."



Meet the
Congregation -
the Rear Family

The Rear family comprises 4 Scots (Janette, Caio, Libby and Daisy the dog) and a lone Englishman, Andrew. Janette is a Glaswegian and Caio and Libby are Falkirk Bairns. Daisy is the only one born and bred in Edinburgh!

Janette and Andrew met when they ended up renting rooms in the same

house in Falkirk. It was not long before Andrew noticed that Janette's dinners were more appetising than his daily tinned tomatoes and rice diet. Six months later we were engaged and a year after that were married, living together in a house that we renovated around us. During the last cold winter, 1995-6, we had a sheet of tarpaulin instead of one of our bedroom walls: we were reduced to sleeping in a box room that was only just big enough to take a bed. Our clothes stayed in the main bedroom and for a few weeks were frozen every morning.

We moved to Edinburgh from Falkirk two years ago for a taste of the city life, for schooling, and to be nearer the airport where Andrew spends much of his life. It took us several months to find a church – we visited more than a dozen – but we knew Barclay Viewforth was the one for us almost immediately. Not that we had any choice: Sam made it clear that once through the doors there was no hope of escape...

For the last 9 years Andrew has worked away from home, first in London, and now in a series of ever-stranger countries, from Russia to Saudi Arabia. He usually heads for the airport on a Monday, and returns home on a Thursday (so he claims) or Friday (so Janette claims) evening. Until a couple of years ago Janette worked for the Royal Bank, before leaving to focus on our family,

doing a course at Napier, and her other work with the Children's Panel. Libby (P5) and Caio (S1) both joined Watsons when we moved through to Edinburgh.

Life for us is rather hectic with Andrew being away so much. In what little free time she has Janette likes to go horse-riding (with the thought of riding away into the wind?). Andrew, and now Daisy, is progressing slowly through the Munros. Libby is into art, and Caio has turned his argumentative nature into increasing proficiency on the Watson's debating team.

Moving to Edinburgh was a big wrench for us. We were settled and happy in church and community in Falkirk. We thank God for sending us – eventually - to Barclay Viewforth where we have felt at home from the start. It is impossible to over-emphasise how important that first contact is: at Barclay Viewforth we were made to feel like we belonged, and we are now very happy to call this our home.

Congregational News

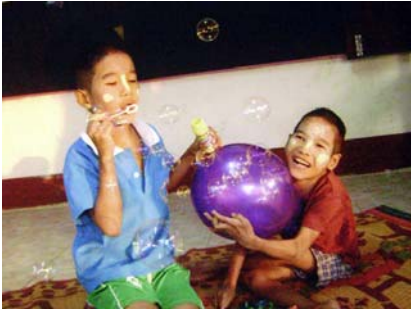
We were sad to have two members die on December 27th after increasing frailty. Mrs Nine Knipe died peacefully in the care of St Joseph's Nursing Home, Gilmore Place and her funeral was held on January 7th. She would have been 100 on her next birthday. Mr Alex Gray also died peacefully at home, leaving his wife Mary, who is also a member, and his son Alan who lives with her.

George Bissett and John Stewart (of Pentland View) both celebrated their 80th birthdays recently, whilst Elsie Burnie proudly celebrated her 95th. Congratulations to all.

Daniel Gotts and Sarah McKeag announced their engagement, and we offer our warm good wishes to them both.

Scottish Quest Evening

The Scottish Quest Evening intimated in the November magazine,



took place on 28th November, the nearest Saturday to St Andrew's Day. Thirty people took part in an adaptation of the game, Scottish Quest which involved a 'race' round Scotland in search of a Q-U-E-S-T , answering questions on Scottish history, landscape culture or modern times as they went. Some teams took it very seriously, working out strategies, others adopted a more

casual approach, but all enjoyed the evening . Although the primary purpose of the evening was to have fun and to create an opportunity to get to know one another better, it was also to raise some money to support two projects in Thailand. One was the Kwai River Handicraft Project, well-known to many in the former Barclay congregation, which supports refugee Karen women by providing them with work opportunities. The other was the Family Home, a project suggested by Mike and Jane Fucella, and which was visited by the Barclay Group on their visit to Thailand in September 2007. Four orphaned children, two with cerebral palsy, one who is HIV positive and the older brother of two of these children (who had acted as their carer after their parents died from AIDS) are cared for as the adopted family of Dodo, a friend of the Fucellas and herself a Burmese refugee.

Thanks to the generosity of many (including the creators of the original Scottish Quest game) the total sum raised was £420. £100 of this has been used to purchase specialist

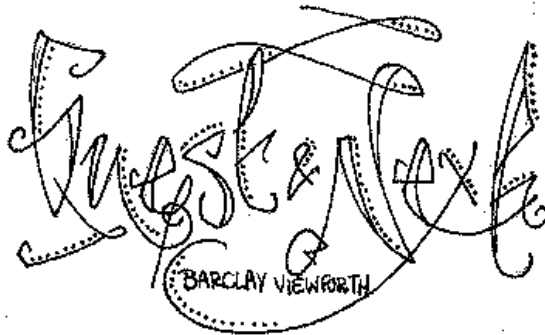
material, unobtainable at present in Thailand for the Kwai River Handicraft Group, £20 to purchase gifts for Nat, Tat, Beng and Pupa, the four children and the remaining £300 will be given to Dodo to help feed, clothe and care for them. I will be going to Thailand for a fortnight at the beginning of February and will be visiting both projects, taking with me the materials and



gifts. I hope to have some photographs and a further report on my return.

In addition to the amounts mentioned above, the Kwai River Card sales after the morning services in November sold around £400-worth of cards – a huge amount of money which will help to keep the women in employment for some time. Thank you all for your generosity.

Helen Miller



Happy New Year to you all.

You will see we have a new logo for Quest and Next news. We had a competition last year to design the logo and the winning entry was by Olivia Conway with James Conway and Euan Coull runners up. Well done!

Our classes have resumed and will run as usual until 14 and 21 February when we will have joint classes. We shall break for three weeks in April on 4th, 11th and 18th resume on the 25th.

We have organised a special "Spring into Spring" Pancake Breakfast on 7 March at 10.00 in the halls. Parents and children associated with Creche, Quest, Junior Quest and Next are all welcome. Invites shall be sent nearer the time. We will need to know numbers for our catering.

God Bless you and your families in 2010

Elaine Coull

WANTED

all types of unwanted textiles including adult's and children's clothes, paired shoes, hats, bags, belts, curtains, towels and bed linen.



WHY?

Your old or unwanted things can help raise money for the street children in Peru.

HOW?

Bring your things along to the Pillar Hall at Barclay Viewforth Church on **Sundays 7th or 14th March** (*please don't bring anything along before then as we will have a storage problem*). The Peru Team will then put all the items together in special 'Rag Bags', which will then be collected and weighed. The Vine Trust will then receive a cheque based on the weight of the bags.

What Happens to the Textiles?

Textiles are sorted into about 40 different types, graded according to quality and then baled at the factory in Denny, Central Scotland for reuse or recycling. Good quality textiles are exported to parts of Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, providing good quality affordable second hand clothing. Poor quality textiles are shredded and used as mattress fillers and industrial wiping cloths e.g. for oil and printing industries.

If you require more information please speak to Mhairi Anderson or Elaine Hogan.

It is important that you remember to pair shoes by tying the laces together, or pair shoes with an elastic band. We take all qualities of textiles, even ripped or with buttons missing!!!

Help us to help others.

NEW for 2010 IN THE GARDENS.... Communicating through ART – from 26th March



This year, in addition to the now traditional Easter Play in Princes Street Gardens, the Princes St Easter Play Trust are delighted to announce that 10 professional artists will be displaying their work on the top path of West Princes St gardens from 26th March 2010 for 2 weeks. There will be accompanying text to explain how they have interpreted the theme “*Christ in the heart of the city at Easter*”

One of Barclay Viewforth's own artists, Vivienne Edgar, is one of those whose work you will be able to view at this event.

Please pray for

- The cast as they meet up again to start rehearsals in their roles.
- More Actors to come forward to join the existing cast.
- Schools receiving the Art Competition invitation that they will be keen to take part.
- Professional artists interpreting the theme of Christ in the Heart of the City at Easter.

Further information from
www.easterplay.org

Souper Sunday

Sunday 10.01.10 was designated "Souper Sunday" by the Church of Scotland - a day on which over 250 congregations across the length and breadth of Scotland highlighted the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project in an elder-led service followed by a Soup and Bread Lunch at which donations to the project were made.



It was quite something to know we in Barclay Viewforth were part of something so big. Our service was led by members of the National/International Team and followed the theme: 'Do not be afraid for I am with you' (Isaiah 43:5). A Soup and Bread lunch, prepared by a team of helpers, followed and the wonderful sum of £449.04 was raised for the Project. This was a particularly impressive amount given the weather conditions and consequent lower-than-usual attendance.

Thanks to those who participated in the Service, to those who provided, prepared, served and cleared up after the lunch and to all who gave so generously.

Helen Miller



Miss Nora Henderson, who is currently in hospital, would like to say thank you to all those who have sent greetings and good wishes to her. She very much appreciates your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Afternoon Fellowship

On Tuesday 19 January the Fellowship enjoyed the food and festivities of a Burns Lunch. A traditional 3 course meal, with Selkirk Grace and Address to the Haggis (led by the minister – you really had to see/hear it to believe it!!) was followed by tea and birthday cake. Although unable to join us on the day Elsie Burnie's 95th birthday did not slip by unnoticed as the group sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed the special cake.

4 pupils from Bruntsfield Primary School then entertained us with a selection of poems, a song and some music on the chanter. Community singing was led by Katy Gray on the piano (with baby John adding vocal accompaniment!!)

A great afternoon was enjoyed by all, and a collection realised £108.40 for the Vine Trust.

The next event on the Afternoon Fellowship calendar is a trip to the City Chambers for a guided tour, led by Councillor Cameron Rose.



Barclay United Update



A few days before the coldest snap in almost thirty years Barclay United played a long awaited first round East of Scotland Church Football Association Cup match against Abbeyhill Church. Our opponents then lowly position in the ESCFA league gave us some cause for hope of a passage to the second round.

The match got off to a bad start for United with goalkeeper Geoff Hunter spilling a direct free kick on 5 minutes. This uncharacteristic error was duly punished by an Abbeyhill striker. On 20 minutes United midfielder Sean Airey glided through and the Abbeyhill keeper appeared to handle outside his penalty area in blocking Sean's shot. No consequences were incurred and only 5 minutes later United striker Billy Somerville received a telling pass from right back, Ross Bowie, and slotted the ball past Abbeyhill's keeper to equalise. It appeared the sides would reach the interval honours even but late in the first half Abbeyhill made it 2:1.

No changes were made at half time although an out of sorts Ross Beasley was replaced by Liam Sherratt in the midfield within ten minutes of the re-start. The new right midfielder very soon produced a great diving save from the Abbeyhill keeper to be swiftly followed by a great double save from United's own goalie at the other end. With the match itself opening up an unfortunate collision then occurred between centre half Shaun Barrio and an opposing forward. Shaun took a bash on the throat and for a few minutes the players gathered around with some unease. Shaun thankfully swiftly recovered but for precautionary reasons was taken off much to the player's own disappointment and not a fair few of the opposition! Shaun's replacement was Andrew Paterson, only recently returned from holidaying in the USA.

Midway through the second half occurred perhaps the defining moment of this Cup match, at least the memory that is likely to linger longest for those involved with United. Sadly it is best classified in the "what might have been" context. Finding himself clean through the Abbeyhill defence Billy Somerville was brought down on the edge of

the penalty area by the keeper who appeared to be on his way for an early bath. Instead a yellow card only was issued and United's main scourge of the day proceeded to pull off a magnificent diving save to tip the ball over his crossbar from Billy's resulting sweetly struck direct free kick.

Abbeyhill all too predictably swiftly rallied and took a 3:1 lead as a result of a moment of farce in the United penalty area. Andrew Pater-son's attempted clearance struck his central defensive partner, Scott Watson and rebounded into the net. Abbeyhill players scarcely concealed their delight and suddenly United's hopes of cup progress looked dim. These hopes were all but extinguished when a fourth Abbeyhill goal followed 15 minutes from time. Cammy Torrens entered the fray replacing Sean Airey and took up Liam Sherratt's position on the right wing while Liam filled Sean's erstwhile central midfield role alongside Daniel Gallagher. With nothing to lose United pushed forward and Billy Somerville grabbed a goal back on 80 minutes. Eight minutes later Liam Sherratt picked up a penetrating Ross Bowie pass and suddenly it was 4:3 with Abbeyhill panicking and the United bench and supporters calling for some generous injury time. The score stayed the same however with Abbeyhill's name going into the hat for the second round of the cup and so congratulations to them.

United's man of the match as chosen by the fans was Daniel Gallagher for an accomplished midfield performance.

With very cold weather conditions having abated, at least temporarily, the plan is for United's Race Courier's Cup match against P's and G's to be played as soon as possible. This competition is for the teams eliminated in the first round of the main event. Depending how that match goes (and ominously P's and G's appear to be going well in the league) United's next competitive fixtures may or not be in the ESCFA League Cup for which we are entered.

The dates for these first round group fixtures are 27th Feb and 6th and 13th March, all Saturdays.



As ever all are very welcome at Saturday morning practice and training sessions which ordinarily take place on the Meadows starting at 10am. Its a great, healthy way to start the weekend! Support-

ers are as ever very welcome for matches of which I'd anticipate a few friendlies being arranged alongside the above fixtures.

Any football related queries please don't hesitate to speak to Andrew Paterson or myself.

Andrew Stephenson



The choir is going from strength to strength under the able leadership of Andrew Robertson.

Practices for this year have already begun, and dates for your diary are as follows:



***Feb 11th and 25th
March 4th 11th 18th 25th,
April 22 (Only 1 due to Easter holiday)
May 6 and 20
June 10 and 24***

All at 7.30 pm

***Anyone who is interested in joining the choir,
please come along to the Pillar Hall on the above
dates and you will be made very welcome***

Christian Giving for 2009

Offerings		
2009 TOTAL	£97,248.19	
2008 TOTAL	£88,013.36	
Increase compared with 2008	£11,234.53	13.06%

Added to an increase in giving by former Barclay members over the year the contributions of former Viewforth members are included since 10 August. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the increase either by committing to regular giving or by increasing their giving. This is particularly appreciated at what has been an economically challenging time. However - a warning - we cannot be complacent. Our Ministries and Mission contributions for 2010 have been set at £99,970. The marked increase is the result of the Union, the Allocation being based on the sum of the average income bases of the congregations when separate.

Gift Day 2009

	Total Donations (Only a proportion gift aided)	Tax that can be Reclaimed
BARCLAY VIEWFORTH	£4,610.00	£1,040.77
ROCK TRUST	£ 690.00	£ 139.62

In the light of the way the 2009 Gift Day was organised, because of the particular circumstances, this was a most gratifying response - thank you everyone who contributed.

Smartie Tube collections for 2009 totalled £156.80 added to which it has been possible to claim Gift Aid on some of this. Thank you to those who faithfully continue to collect their 20pences. The total raised over the years from collecting 20pences in Smartie tubes is £5,502.90!

Treasurer

The '**Christmas Post**' contributions amounted to £25.07 which was

sent to The Church of Scotland's HIV/AIDS Project.

The Retiring Offering for **Poppy Appeal Scotland** on 8 November totalled £141.15

The 7pm Christmas Eve offering for the **Bethany Care Shelter** amounted to £151.56.

The surplus of £531.15 from Tea/Coffee/Lunch contributions was also sent to the Bethany Christian Trust and this they said would also be used for the Care Shelter. The surplus from contributions in 2010 will be going to **Friends International**.

Organ Fund

The total raised in 2009 was £2,865.96 which includes Gift Aid on various donations. The March Communion Sunday retiring offering amounted to £751.35 and that in October to £412.05. '

Pedals for Pedals' sponsorship raised a total of £772.50 thanks to Mhairi Anderson and Sandy Sneddon with £196.05 received in Gift Aid.

Janet A B Darling
Treasurer



Regular volunteers are urgently required to cover the computer desk and sound desk on a rota basis during morning and evening services. Training will be given, so if you have never tried this task, why not give it a go - it can be fun!

In addition, musicians are always welcome in the music group, and newcomers would be greeted with delight.